

# Open Data Review Board

COMMITTEE MEETING

~AGENDA~

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**Wednesday, May 17, 2023**

**5:30PM**

**Zoom Meeting**

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## **Call of the Meeting**

The Open Data Review Board (ODRB) advises the City Manager on rules and standards for implementation of an Open Data policy, including a means by which to determine the data or datasets that are appropriate for public accessibility and a timeline for policy implementation. During this meeting, the ODRB will discuss how Cambridge might use open data to further the City's strategic initiatives.

## **Welcome & Progress Report on Open Data in Cambridge**

- Introduction of Reinhard Engels, the new Data Analysis & Open Data Program Manager

## **Discussion Topics**

- **ODRB's Role and Processes in the Post-COVID-Emergency Era:** A collective discussion on potential changes to the way these meetings should be conducted and how we can better leverage ODRB members' expertise and connections.
- **Enhancing User-Friendliness of the Open Data Portal for Non-Experts:** Brainstorming on improving the at-a-glance understanding of available data, aligning datasets more visibly to City initiatives and priorities, and exploring other ideas for events or partnerships to spread the word about open data.
- **Adapting to Recent Developments in AI:** Exploring the short and long-term impacts on Open Data and identifying any additional expert guidance required.

## **Open Discussion**

- All

## **Public Comment**

## **Adjournment**

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## Metrics

- 379 data assets: ↑ 16 since last ODRB meeting
- Top Datasets for Past 12 Months: daily crash log, building energy and water use, building permits: additions/alterations

## Recently Created High Value Data Assets

- [Smart Rat boxes](#)
- [Public Art Locations](#)

## Upcoming High Priority Datasets

- Pending

## Other Relevant Updates

- Covid Data Center Wind-down
- [New Housing Data FAQ](#)
- Our new data intern

## Potential questions for discussion during the upcoming ODRB meeting

### **ODRB's Role and Processes in the Post-COVID-Emergency Era**

- Any changes to the way these meetings should be conducted? Zoom, in-person?
- Beyond meetings, how can we better leverage ODRB members' expertise and connections?

### **Enhancing User-Friendliness of the Open Data Portal for Non-Experts**

- How can we provide a better at-a-glance sense of the data available?
- How do we better highlight the relevance of open data to live policy concerns? More visibly align datasets to City initiatives and priorities?
- Any other ideas for events or partnerships to spread the word about open data?
- Missing open data: how to get a better sense of what the public would like to see?

### **Adapting to Recent Developments in AI**

- What are the impacts on Open Data? Short term? Long term?
- What additional expert guidance do we need, if any?